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Students at Barton County Community College welcome the beginning of school with a mud volleyball game. Several teams participated in a tournament. Muddy clothes and faces were not limited to players. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



BACK TO SCHOOL AT BCCC MEANS:

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Getting Acquainted

By Laura Collins

The beginning of the school year brought many different activities for students to participate in, many of which were sponsored by the Student Senate.

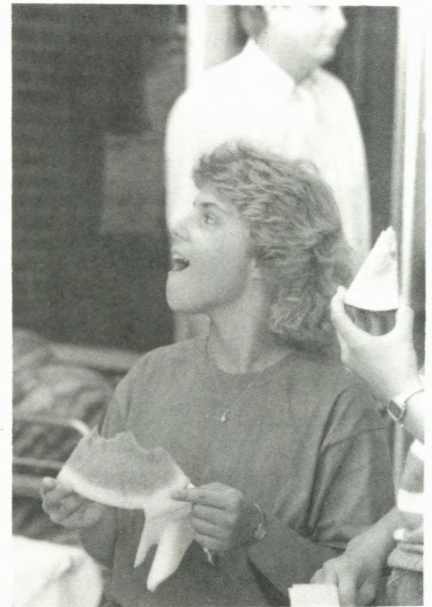
The main purpose of these activities is to help the students adapt. Shellie Seeman, admissions counselor and Student Senate adviser, said, "It's a transition time in which students are learning to be away from home, make new friends, etc. It is also critical that these students feel comfortable in their new environment."

Concerts, picnics, wind surfing, banana split night, and a watermelon feed were just some of the back-to-school activities held at BCCC. Four dances helped to kick off the new year. Line I, Phase Four, and disc jockeys

Corey Hannah, Rock Island, Ill. sophomore, and Kenny Gaston, Chicago sophomore, helped get the year off to a good start.

In addition to these activities, BCCC held a "Playfair" for the first time. A guest speaker, J.J. Cochran, separated the students into small groups to allow them to get acquainted with other students. The groups then performed several different activities and set a time and a place to meet again.

The Playfair was to be an icebreaker to help students meet and mingle with others. Mary Misegadis, dean of student affairs, said, "The playfair was an outstanding success. We were really pleased with the results. The response from the students was so positive that we intend to do it again next year."



Shannon Waggoner, Manhattan freshman, takes part in a watermelon feed held to help instructors and students get acquainted.



Gena Dupree, Tribune freshman, gets into Banana Split Night. (Photo by Samantha Farr)



Playfair was a back-to-school activity that helped students make new friends.



A mud volleyball tournament was held by the RHA to encourage student participation in campus activities. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



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-Shellie Seeman

Vicki Smith, Dayton, Ohio freshman, perfects her technique during Windsurfing Night, one of the many back-to-school activities.



Chris Scallon and Scott Johnson, Austin, Texas freshmen, get ready to boogie at a back-to-school dance.

Members of Student Senate, Dance Line, cheerleading squad, and Cougarettes worked together in the fall semester to present a skit for BCCC President Jimmie Downing's birthday. They portrayed Downing's life from childhood through the present, which included his years as a high school football player. Here the trainers carry Downing off the field after an injury. (Photo by Neil Frizell)



Activities for students provided by Senate

By Teresa Morris

Every year Student Senate spends many hours planning and preparing activities for the student body. Last spring the student body elected Enrique Washington, Camden Ark. sophomore, president, Wayne Farminer, Great Bend sophomore, historian, and Scott Mohr, Otis sophomore, senator-at-large. These three officers along with Shellie Seeman, adviser, met to brainstorm

ideas for the 1987-1988 school year.

"The goal of the Student Senate is to keep the year full of activities," Washington said. Since Chapter II, a favorite student hangout, became a private club the group must plan even more activities to entertain the students. Ninety percent of the activities planned by Student Senate are planned in the spring. Only ten percent are planned in the fall. Some of the ac-

tivities for the 1987-1988 school year have been: dances, nooners, bingo, a pumpkin roll, a sexy legs contest, mud volleyball, quiz bowl, a watermelon feed, and a banana split night.

"The Student Senate does a super job and seems really dedicated to planning activities for the student body," Bobbi Bushong, Lyons freshman, said.

Anyone who keeps a 2.0 grade point average is eligible to run for an execu-

tive officer position.

"I think the executive officers for this year are very knowledgeable, hard-working, and dedicated to serving the student body," Washington said.

Other officers elected in the fall were: Scot Moeder, Great Bend sophomore, vice president, Tina Sawyer, Great Bend sophomore, secretary/treasurer, and Victor Watson, Willingsboro, N.J. freshman, senator-at-large.



Chris Scallon, Austin Texas, freshman, waits for Scott Johnson, Austin, Texas, freshman, to finish scooping ice cream on Banana Split Night.
(Photo by Samantha Farr)



Alex Mitchell, Liberal freshman, shows off his costume during the Halloween dance held in the Student Union.



Marcy Camien, Topeka freshman, and Penny Trevino, Ulysses sophomore, enjoy dancing at one of the dances that were held throughout the school year in the Student Union.

Student Life

BCCC, its Students Work

By Tammy Likes

The word work to some students means getting up in the morning, going to classes, doing homework, and taking tests.

To other students work means selling clothes at Brass Buckle, selling shoes at Brown's Shoe Center, making pizzas at Big Cheese Pizza, mowing grass at Barton County Community College, or waiting tables at the Holiday Inn.

These are just a few of the many examples of student's jobs.

Earning the money to pay for college expenses seems to be the main reason for students working.

College is more expensive every year and it is harder to get financial aid from the government. Living, tuition, and book costs have increased, which means the students have to work harder. Of course, a little change in the pocket is nice to have, too.

BCCC has 103 students in the government work-study program. These students work for the maintenance department and in offices on campus. For a few hours of work a week the government will help pay their college expenses.

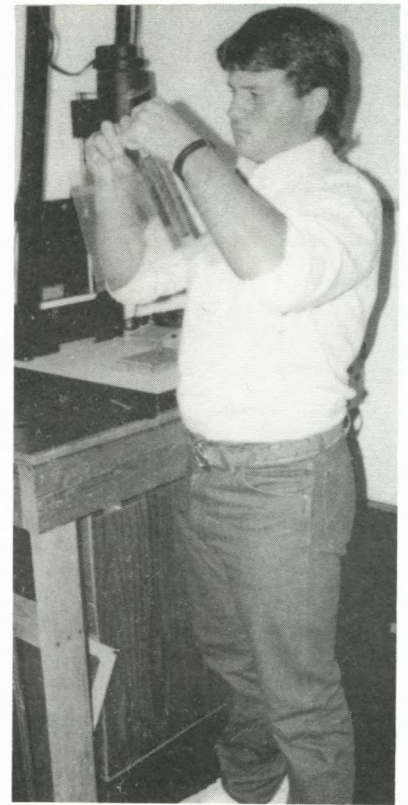
Another option would be working for the college. BCCC currently employs 83 students. These students work for the college and are paid wages.

Nick Perica, the placement counselor, who helps place the students on campus said, "The program is really good for the students and the college."

Students may participate in another work option, the Coop program. Coop is a vocational program where businesses in the community and some of the instructors at BCCC place students in the work force for on-the-job training.

Greta Foster, business instructor, said, "Experience is one of the most important elements to obtain employment."

If a student is involved in the Coop program, he or she can get three credit hours and a grade. The students are graded by the employer and their instructor. The two grades are then combined for the final grade. Foster said, "The program is beneficial to the employees and the students and there is always room for more students."



Kent Simmons, Strong City freshman, works for the Communications department as a work-study.



Scholarships help pay for college expenses. Brian Batman, Otis sophomore, earn his scholarship by playing Bart which helps pay his college expenses and is fun for the BCCC fans.

College and work sometimes do not mix very well. Students have to juggle jobs, studying, and their personal lives. Sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day or days in the week for all three. When this happens one of the three usually has to suffer.

Jolen Stecklein, Great Bend freshman, said, "Most employers do not understand how much studying a student has."

But is it just the employers, what about the instructors? Sometimes it seems that the instructors think their class is the most important and the students have enough extra time to study an extra two hours for the upcoming test over three chapters.

Another instructor may want a six-page typed report on the same day. Don't forget the assignments in the other classes. Sometimes students just can not believe how many hours their employers expect them to put in every week and still get their homework done.

Students wonder if employers remember what college was like? Some students think going to college is easy, but to students that are juggling the job, studying and personal lives that is just not the case.



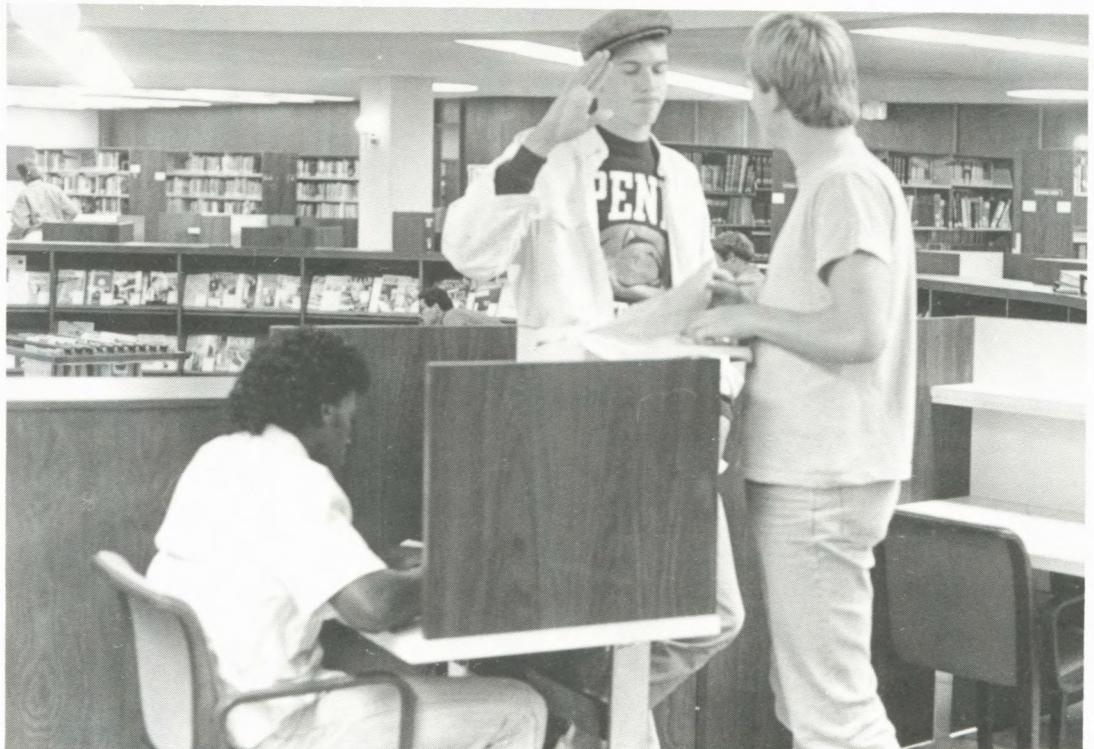
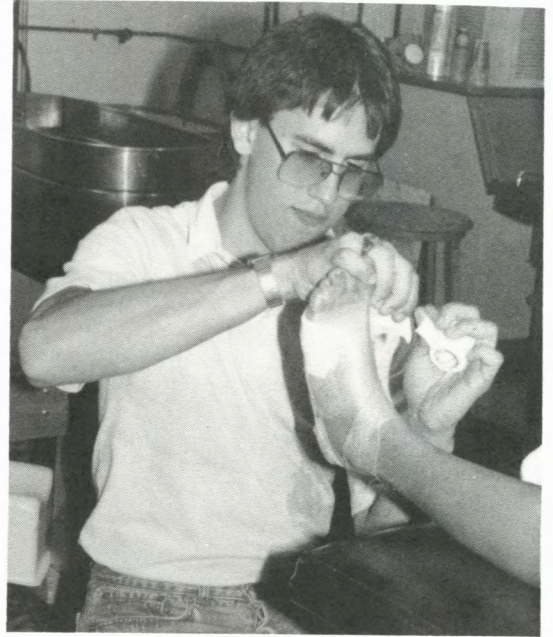
Trina Terry, Great Bend freshman, works at a local shoe store. (Photo by Angela Ball)

Brenda Wise, Hoisington sophomore, works as a disc jockey at a local radio station to help pay for college expenses.



Student Life

Craig Robinson, Scott City sophomore gets hands on experience as he studies training techniques at BCCC He helps wrap players' ankles, wrists or knees before games or meets.



Kurtis Downing, Atchinson sophomore, Jon Daniels, Claflin freshman, and Scott Stecklein, Topeka freshman, make use of the BCCC Library. Many students use the Library not only for studying and writing papers, but also to catch up on current events in the newspapers and magazines.



Lisa Hulik, Junction City freshman, and Tamara Anderson, Johnson freshman, fill their plates during a barbecue for the students during the first week of school in the fall.

By Shelly Flaherty

What people wear says a lot about who they are. People often judge others by the clothes worn.

Girls with purple mohawks dressed in leather and chains give the impression they are "punk."

If a guy is all decked out in an oxford, V-neck cardigan, tapered slacks, and boat shoes, people think he's "preppie."

Those whose total wardrobe consists of nothing but sweats and sneakers are classified as "jocks."

Everyone has his or her own taste when it comes to style. While one person may see an outfit as being adorable, someone else may think, "Geez, I wouldn't be caught dead in that!"

What we wear is largely determined not only by what we feel comfortable in, but by what others will accept as being fashionable.

Jeans are always in style, but there are many different types of jeans.

Some examples include frosted, straight-leg, stone-washed, bell-bottoms, hip-huggers, torn and faded, and even jeans with designs embroidered on the pockets!

Frosted jeans, which look like they have been spritzed with bleach, were a popular look in jeans this year.

Many students were seen in stonewashed jeans, which are already faded when purchased.



Karla Spexarth, Andale sophomore, Roslyn Rucker, East St. Louis, Ill. sophomore, and Darci Berryman, Great Bend freshman, are introduced to the student body as they get ready to attend the national meet.



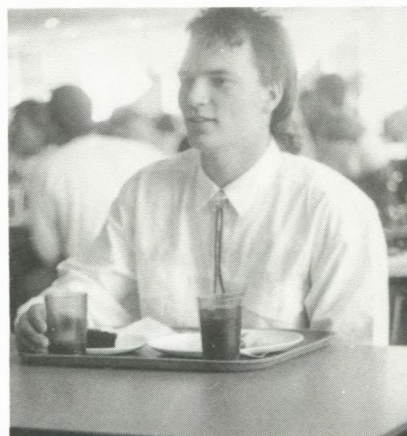
Brett Staehr, Great Bend freshman, helps himself to some ice cream.

Tall people no longer have to be asked if they're waiting for a flood. "High-water pants" are now referred to as "cropped," and tall girls as well as short are sporting this style.

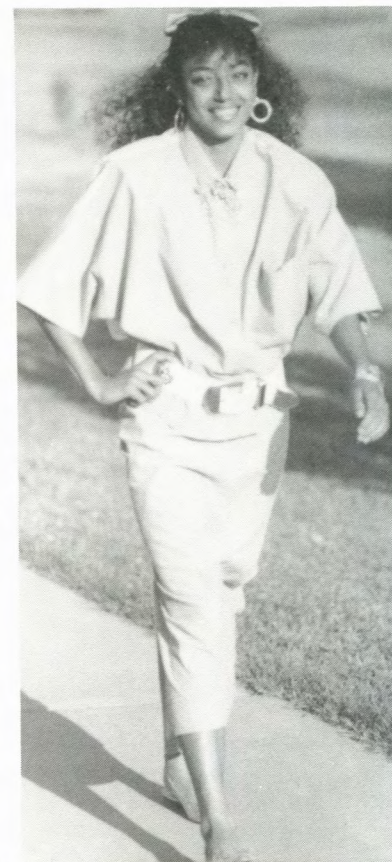
Hurachis, made of woven strips of leather, were the hottest item in footwear, especially when worn with the safari-look clothing in army green, khaki and beige colors.

Along with the jungle prints, peach and mint green were among the most popular colors.

Rugby-type shirts bearing the logo of Coca-Cola were a hot item this winter.



Chris Curtis, Great Bend sophomore, uses spritz to give his stylish haircut a wet look. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Mary Valerio, Chicago freshman, wears a lace and chambray dress with silver accessories. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Maura Brack, Great Bend sophomore, Toby Bettis, Hays freshman, Angie Staab, Great Bend sophomore, and Tarra Carlgren, Concordia freshman, look so cool in layered shorts and jams.

Another popular look this year was an untucked T-shirt worn with longer-length shorts patterned in bright colors, called "jams."

Greg Klusener, Great Bend sophomore, said, "Mini skirts are nice." David Taylor, Great Bend sophomore, agreed, adding he likes girls in snug, form-fitting black pants.

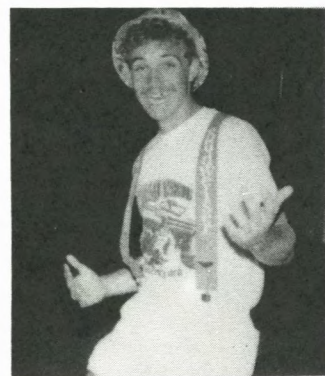
Klusener said he is most comfortable when he is wearing overalls, boots, and a baseball cap. Taylor said he likes wearing low-cut socks. "They're comfy."

Mark Brungardt, Great Bend freshman, said he likes girls who have their hair bleached on the ends. Klusener said he doesn't care how long a girl's hair is, but, "No spiky stuff, no mousse, and no painted hairdos!"

Molly Hammeke, Claflin sophomore said she goes wild when she sees a guy in tight, frosted Pepe's or 501's.



Lance Miller, Vacherie, La. freshman, heads to class in a safari shirt and shades.



Mike Koenigsman, Hays sophomore, looks like he is having fun in his party hat and suspenders.

'Trina Terry, Great Bend freshman, and Carrie Rube, Great Bend freshman, said they go for guys who wear sweaters, baggy jeans, and hurachi's. Terry and Rube said they are most comfortable when they're dressed in jeans, big T-shirts or sweatshirts, and long jean jackets.

The prices of name-brand clothing can sometimes be outrageously expensive. However, most students said they would rather pay the higher price than wear something that didn't have a designer label.

Julie Poppelreiter, Claflin freshman, said she will not pay more than \$45 for a pair of jeans unless they're really outstanding.

Poppelreiter said, "Bell-bottoms are ugly as sin, but if everyone else was wearing them, I suppose I would." Other students choked and said, "Need you even ask?" They said they would never wear bell-bottoms.

However, most women said they would never wear a mini-skirt, yet the mini skirt is one of the hottest fashion statements today.

Students have Style

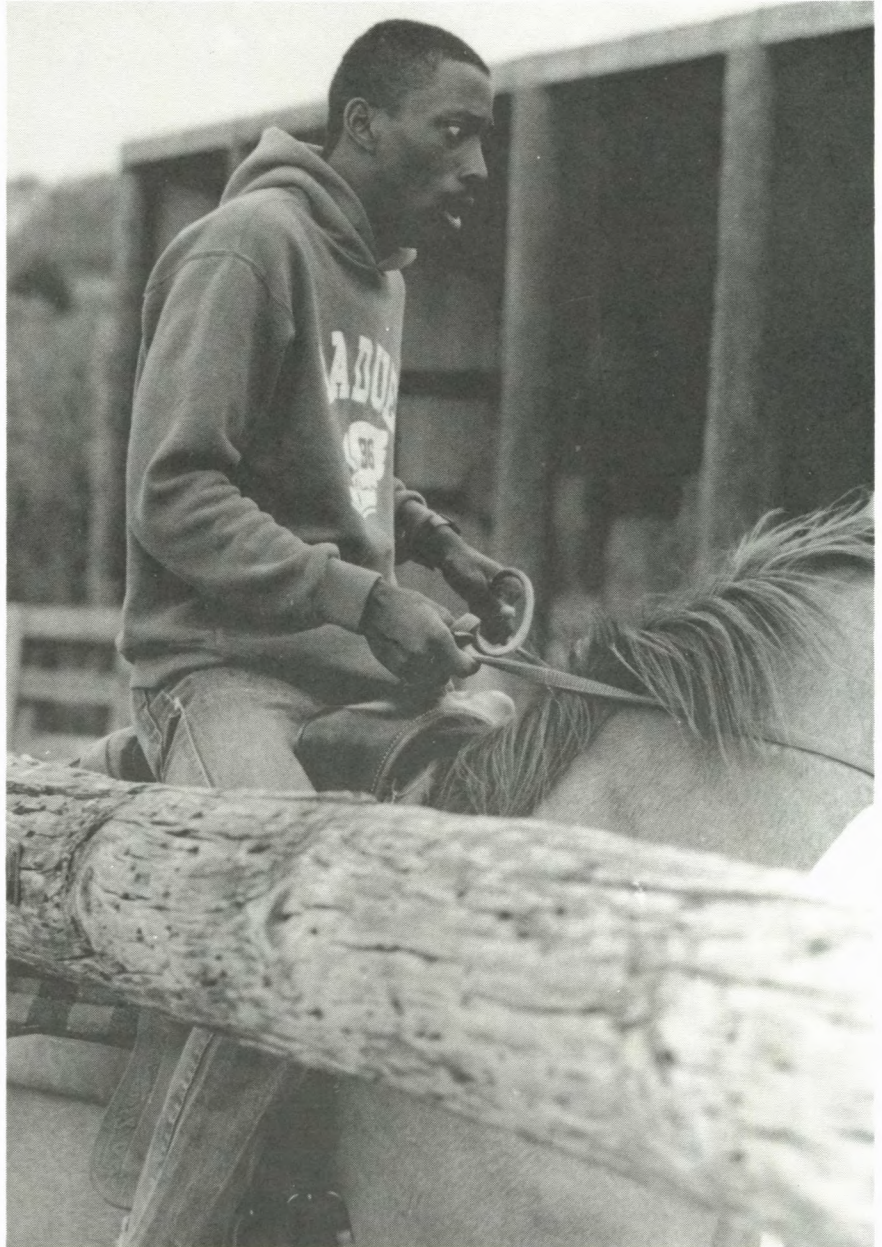
What's out of style now will probably be fashionable again sometime in the future. Children of today's students may someday be seen in polyester stretch suits with long, pointed collars.

So if we pack our clothes in boxes and store them away for twenty years, maybe later they'll be fashionable again. Then instead of paying outrageous prices to be stylish, we can just dig out the clothes that we've had stashed away in the attic.



Jay Schmalzried, Dighton freshman, and Yvette Clark, Wichita freshman, prepare to chow down on Banana Split Night. (Photo by Samantha Farr)

Harvey Price, Olivette, Mo., freshman, takes a horseback ride at Camp Aldrich early in the fall semester. BCCC sponsors several activities such as picnics and swimming parties at the camp.



And
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“The people here are really friendly and know how to have fun. I’ve been able to slide in and adjust very well from my transfer of schools.”

-Chris Humphrey

By Alex Shell

According to the Registrar's Office 70 students from other parts of the country enrolled at Barton County Community College in the fall. Students come from as far away as Alaska, Florida, and the Philippines.

Chris Humphrey, Omaha, Neb. sophomore said, "I was very impressed when I first visited. I have grown to like it more and more."

Some of the out of state students are away from home for the first time. Students learn to adjust by making new friends and taking care of themselves.

"The people here are really friendly and know how to have fun. I've been able to slide in and adjust very well from my transfer of schools," Humphrey said.

Jeff Garcia, Manila, Philippines freshman, said, when he first came to BCCC he had trouble adjusting. He said he missed his family and friends and wanted to go back to his country. "I can't talk using my native languages, Tagalog and Chinese. I miss the food I used to eat in my country. But now I like it. I have adjusted to the new environment and school system."

Garcia came to Great Bend as an ex-

change student. He said his father wanted him to come to BCCC before transferring to a large university.

It takes Garcia at least 23 hours by plane to get home. He said the least expensive rate he has found is \$800, which is for Filipino citizens, flying Philippine Airlines.

According to Garcia, his instructors try their best to see that students learn. The classes are not too big or too small. "I find it easy to talk to the instructors when I have problems in my assignments," he said.

Doug VanderVeen, Kodiak, Ala. sophomore, said living at BCCC is a change from living in Alaska. He said Kodiak is the second largest island in the United States, so it is not as small a people may think.

"I live on an island in the Pacific where there are 40 miles of paved road and the rest of the roads are dirt.

"Yes, it's cold, but not as cold as most people think. Nobody lives in igloos where I'm from. There are a lot of people with Russian backgrounds," VanderVeen said.

He said he came to BCCC because of the baseball program. He said he

knew BCCC had a great team, one he wanted to play for.

"I'm happy to be here at Barton County, and the baseball team is as good as I thought."

VanderVeen said it takes him 18 hours to get home. So he only goes home at Christmas.

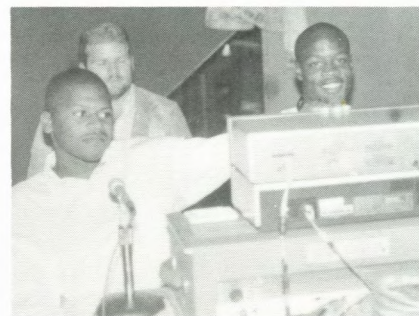
He spends his summers playing baseball in Alaska. His hobbies are fishing and hunting. "Alaska is a fun place to visit but a bad place to live," he said.

The adjustment to college life can be hard enough without being far away from home. Many out-of-state students do not go home often. Earning money for the trip can be hard to do. The time it takes to travel to and from home takes valuable time away from family and friends. If these students are athletes, they must schedule their trips during their off season. But still they come.

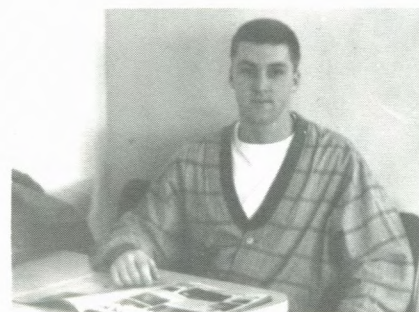
Garcia said, "I'm glad I chose Barton County. It's not easy finding a good school that offers both strong athletics as well as a solid academic background. I think BCCC is just the school for both.



Kim Darrough, Johnson sophomore, Paula Betts Russell sophomore, and Jodi Cowan, Phoenix, Ariz., sophomore, stand in the lunch line with their identification cards. Every student hopes cafeteria food will taste as good as home cooking.



Corey Hannah, Rock Island, Ill., sophomore, Kenny Gaston, Chicago sophomore, and Tom Ross, Gorham freshman, work the boards at a dance in the Union. (Photo by Angela Ball)



Chris Humphrey, Omaha, Neb., takes time between classes to catch up on outside reading.

BCCC ATHLETICS

Athletes perform on local and national levels

By Alex Shell

Many Barton County Community College students represent the school by participating in athletic programs.

Cross Country

The cross country season was had mixed success. The Cougars ran well in the regular season but were struck by injuries near the end of the season.

The men placed sixth at the regional meet with two men qualifying for nationals. Kenny Gaston, Chicago sophomore, and Gary Lyles, Junction City sophomore, traveled to Overland Park where Lyles placed 23rd and received All-American honors.

The women placed second at the regional meet and came in 7th at the national competition. This was the fifth year the Cougar women have placed within the top ten teams at nationals.

Karla Spexarth, Annadale sophomore, said, "We did the best we possibly could. Each meet was a stepping stone and a learning tool to help us progress by improving our running and building our confidence."

"One thing that was hard for me was to maintain consistence. Now I realize what a big factor it plays in shaping an individual's performance," Lyles said.

Women's Basketball

According to Head Coach Jerry McCarty, "The women had a satisfying season. After starting slowly the intensity of play increased and the women started to rely on their defense."

He said the object of the season was to get a play-off spot.

McCarty said the team played the roughest team in the conference and won. "Character began to overshadow ability. If we play with desire, we win."

The first place conference win enabled them to participate in the national tournament in Mississippi. The team was eliminated in the first round of play.

Benita Martin, Denver sophomore, led the team in scoring with a 16.3 average. She was selected as an Honorable Mention All-American.

Debbie Johnson, Lorraine freshman, led the team in rebounds, averaging 8 per game. Tracey Stowe, Topeka freshman, led in assists with 5.8 per game.



Cheerleaders, yell leaders, fans and athletes alike joined to burn the Hutchinson Blue Dragon at a pep rally. Crowds for the Cougars' games against Hutchinson are always large and enthusiastic. Many times fans have been turned away at the doors because the gym was filled to capacity.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team played 7 of its first 8 games on the road with a record of 4 wins and 4 losses.

Head Coach Dan McGovern said the team found the right chemistry and finished the season with the best record since he began coaching the Cougars, 24-9.

The team finished conference play with a 9-3 record, earning a second place finish.

The Cougars averaged 80 points per game, and held opponents to an average of 68.

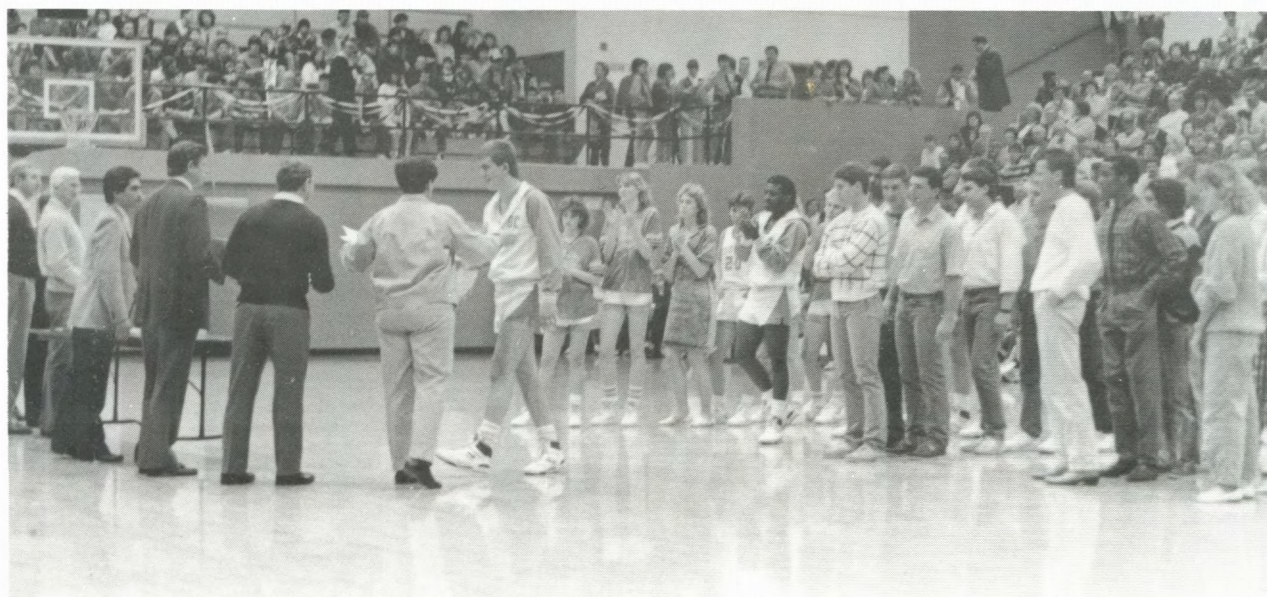
LaKeith Humphrey, Memphis, Tenn., sophomore, led the team in scoring with an average of 20 points per game.

David Harris, Memphis, Tenn., freshman, sometimes known as the "Shot Inspector," set a school record with 117 blocked shots.

Harris said, "I see them (opponents) get set and release their hands. I have to be there. My favorite part of the game is blocking shots."

McGovern said, "We played each night with intensity and improved each time we were on the court."

Cheryl Dunlap, Great Bend freshman, and John Klie, St. Francis freshman, encourage the Cougars during a time out at a basketball game. (Photo by Samantha Farr)



Student athletes who not only work hard at their respective sports but also work hard in the classroom are recognized for their scholastic achievements between games in the gym. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Head Basketball Coach Dan McGovern takes an active part in each game. He keeps contact with the players and encourages them during play. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Jackie Jones, Detroit freshman, flies through the air on his way to a powerful slam dunk, as the crowd and the defensive player await the inevitable two points. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)

The Barton County Community College baseball team displays teamwork as a Cougar run scores after a long hit to the outfield.



Baseball

Head Coach Mike Warren said after a few shakey starts in the pitching department, the Cougars have settled into becoming a sound team.

He said, "The hitting for the team has been good. They proved they can adjust to different situations. Defensively the Cougars have been solid. Our pitching is coming around."

Softball

The softball team dominated the conference from the beginning of the season. By the middle of April the team held a 20-1 record.

Head Coach Tom Curtis said the secret of the success was due to the experience of the three sophomores, Vickie Gaug, Great Bend, Shawnee Cross, Great Bend, and Aimee Whaley, Oklahoma City.

Cross was voted All-American last year for her performance on the team.

At the mid point of the season, Sheri Wilson, Vancouver, Wash., had 11 wins and one loss with an ERA of .812.

Whaley had 7 wins and one loss, with an ERA of 2.39. Gaug and Lisa Geier, Wichita freshman, led the team in RBIs with 13 each. Gaug led the team in total hits with 23.

The team had 148 hits for 469 times at bat for a team batting average of .316 in April.



The Barton County Community College women's basketball team awaits the offensive rebound and the defensive team tries to keep the Cougars out of position. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Volleyball

The Barton County Community College women's volleyball team finished its season undefeated in the Jayhawk Conference western Division with an overall record of 38-7.

The Cougars continued their three year home winning streak.

Laura Knipp, Plainville freshman, runs the bases as the Cougars dominate play in a game on the new BCCC softball field. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)

The Cougar dancers, cheerleaders and yell leaders spend a lot of time practicing. They perform at home games as well as in guest appearances at area schools. The members also prepared a skit against drug use, which was presented at local elementary and junior high schools.



The Cougar volleyball team went undefeated at home for the third year. BCCC prepares to spike the ball and the defensive players go up for a possible block. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Fans are a big part of athletic competition at BCCC. They are especially interested in the Hutchinson/BCCC rivalry. Last fall Kansas University fans filled the gym when the KU basketball team came to scrimmage on campus. Sometimes fans enjoy sitting on the ledge to watch the game. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Athletics are not just for the athlete. Students could sign up for intramurals for the fun of exercise. Especially popular were the basketball and slow-bitch softball competitions.

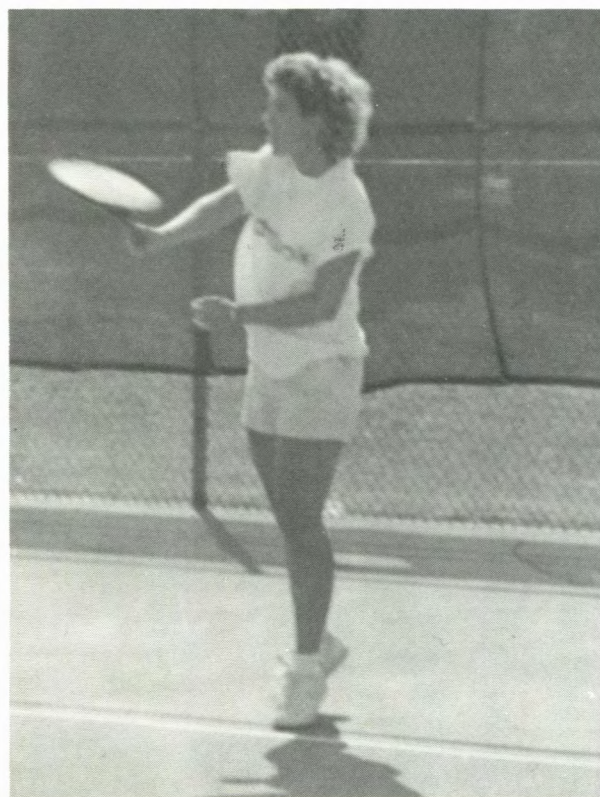
Students enrolled in an athletic program were required to take weightlifting classes. However, other students showed an interest in lifting also. Some students enroll in a weightlifting class for physical education credit, some come in to lift weights to stay in shape.



Vickey Smith, Dayton, Ohio, freshman, runs the hurdles with no opposition in sight during the Dr. Pepper Invitational at Barton County Community College this spring. The women's indoor track team won first place in the nation at the national meet in the early spring. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Alex Shell, Carrolltan, Ga., sophomore, prepares to take the baton in a relay at the Dr. Pepper Invitational. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Kristin Wilson, Ellinwood freshman, completes a forehand shot during a tennis practice at the campus courts. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)

RHA

Cosmetology Club

VICA

Office Education Association

Home Ec Club

Phi Theta Kappa

Choir

Occupational Therapy

Data Processing Club

ORGANIZATIONS

Campus Christian Fellowship

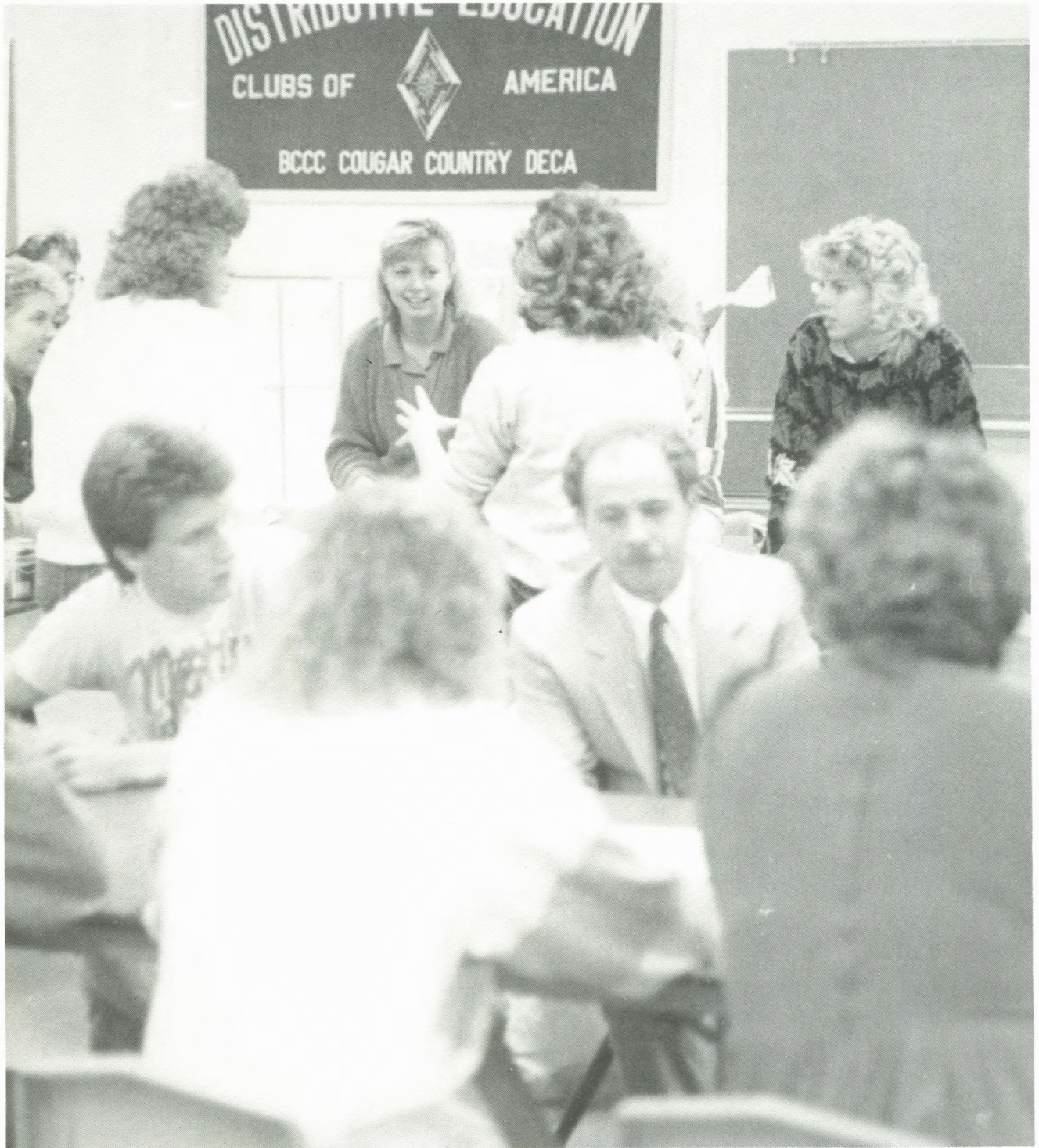
Nursing Club

Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Student Senate

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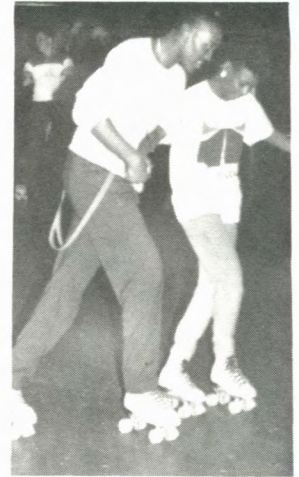
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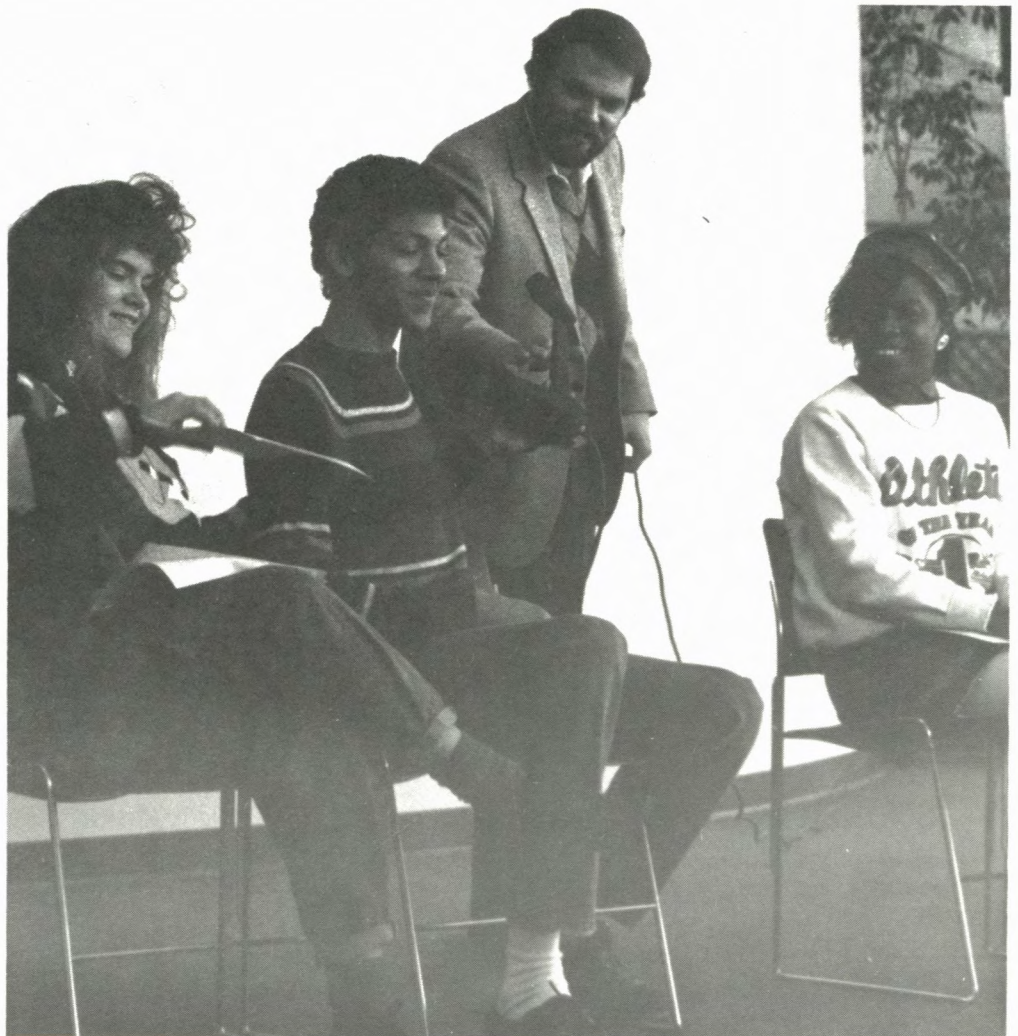
Students at BCCC belong to DEC, a club which lets students compete at state and national levels in such areas as advertising and salesmanship.



Student Senate Elections are important at BCCC and Sheila Schroeder, Grinnell freshman, does her part and votes for officers. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



Paris Canty, Detroit freshman, and Vickey Smith, Dayton, Ohio, freshman, try their skating skills during a skating party held by the RHA. (Photo by Samantha Farr)



Terese Strube, Claflin freshman, Victor Watson, Willinsboro, N.J., freshman, and Roslyn Rucker, East St. Louis, Ill., answer questions during the Dating Game presented by the Student Senate during Romance on the Hill Week. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)

Belonging at BCCC

by Tammy Likes

Would you like to belong? At Barton County Community College 16 clubs are available for membership. Students interested in farming, home ec, business, or computers may find a club for their special interests.

Belonging to club at BCCC does not mean just paying membership fees and attending meetings. Organizations are an important part of campus life.

The Home Economics Club members participate in a graduation tea during finals week, a caramel apple day during Fall Fest and a home ec day for area high school students.

The Resident Housing Association composed of resident assistants and on-campus housing students schedule dances, skating parties and provide input and suggestions for improving campus life. They also schedule speakers for meetings and go horseback riding at Camp Aldrich.

The Data Processing club takes field trips to Wichita State University, Kansas University, and Kansas State University to visit computer departments.



OEA Adviser Greta Foster, Laura Koerner, Ness City sophomore, Kim Mills, Lyons freshman, and Darla Evers, Great Bend freshman, discuss state competition during an OEA meeting. (Photo by Angela Ball)

The Nursing clubs takes trips to the hospitals in the area.

Each club has its own money-making projects. Several of the clubs have bake sales.

The Office Education Association sold lollipops, and the Occupational Therapy Club sold wind chimes and members worked at a concession stand during basketball games.

The Nursing club sells sweatshirts.

The Data Processing club sells Survival Kits. The kits are sacks of groceries for housing students, paid for by their parents to help the students survive finals week.

Delta Epsilon Chi donated money earned at a campus carnival to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Along with the activities and money-makers some clubs also enter contests in their disciplines.

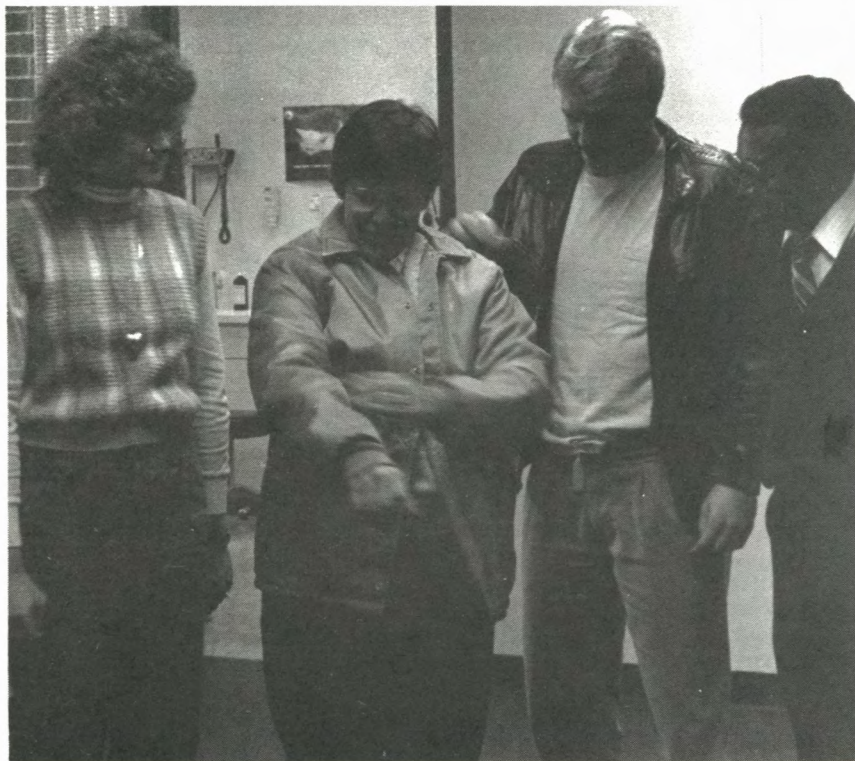
The Office Education Association competes at the state level with secretarial skills. If they place in the top three at state they qualify to compete at the national level.

DEC also competes at the state and national level to help students become successful in the business world.

At BCCC if students have an interest, there is more than likely to be a club for them. Belonging to a club can be well worth while. It gives students a greater chance to become better acquainted with a lot more people and a chance to be a part of the college scene.



Hilltop Singers caroled along the Christmas parade route in Great Bend.



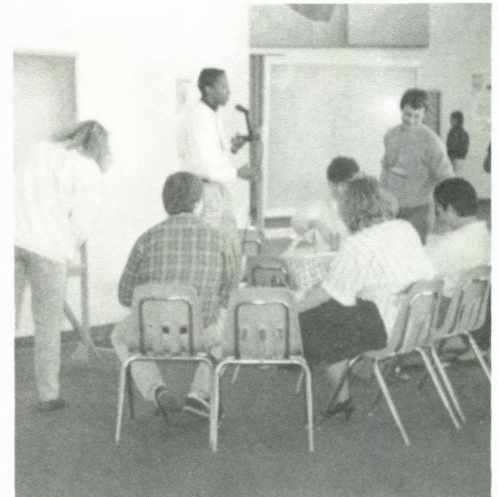
Shawna Ziegler, Grainfield, sophomore, and Todd Robins, Ellinwood, sophomore, resident assistants and Housing Director Bill Murry give School Nurse Joleen Tustin a BCCC jacket to wear when she attends sick students in the dorms.



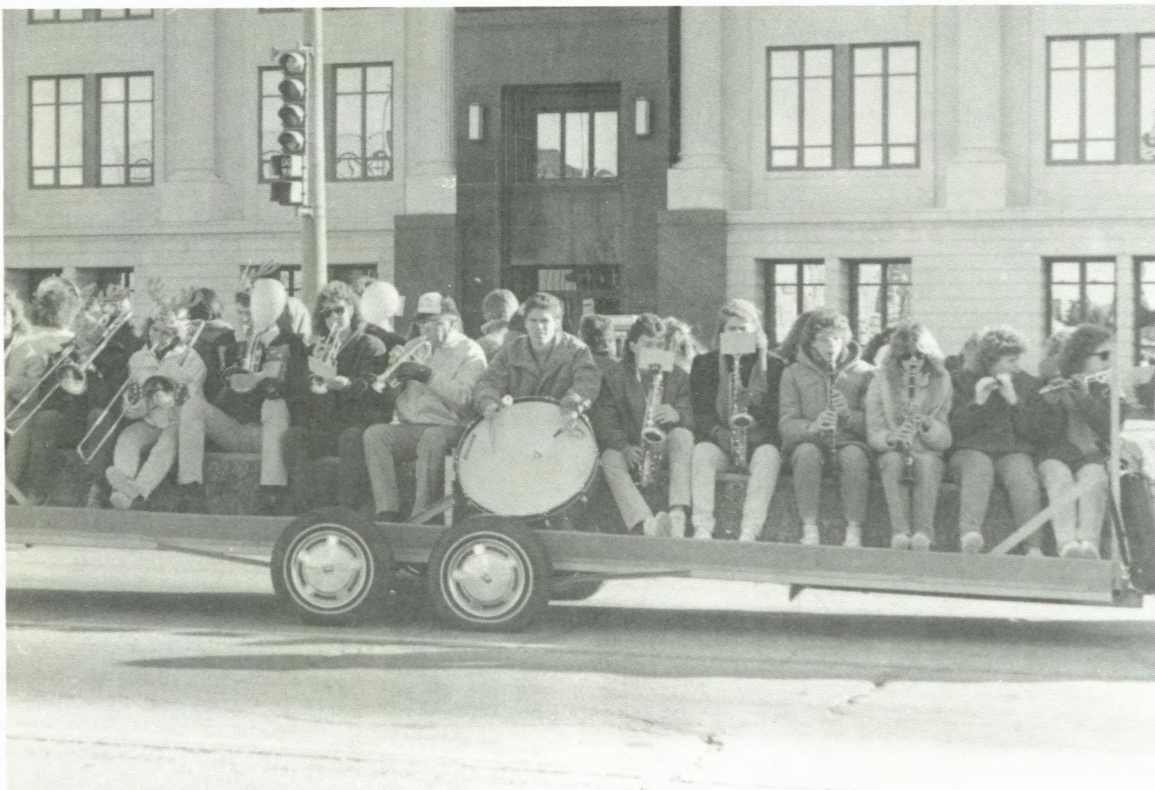
Steve Schroeder, Frankfurt, freshman, puts in his vote for Student Senate officers.
(Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



BCCC Housing Students and Residents take part in the Christmas parade that was held on Main Street in Great Bend.



Pictionary was a noon time game sponsored by Student Senate which was played by both students and instructors. (Photo by Arlene Kennedy)



The BCCC band provided music for the Hilltop Singers during the Christmas Parade in Great Bend.

Academically Speaking.....

Academics: a student priority

by Shelly Flaherty

College isn't all parties and games. While these are important aspects of college life, academics remain a priority for college students.

Because Barton County Community College is small, individuals receive personal attention and help from instructors.

Students can become active in clubs relating to their interests or major. A number of scholarships are available for those in need.

Beginning with the 1987 fall semester, students entering BCCC are required to take assessment tests. These tests measure students' knowledge in the areas of math, reading, and English.

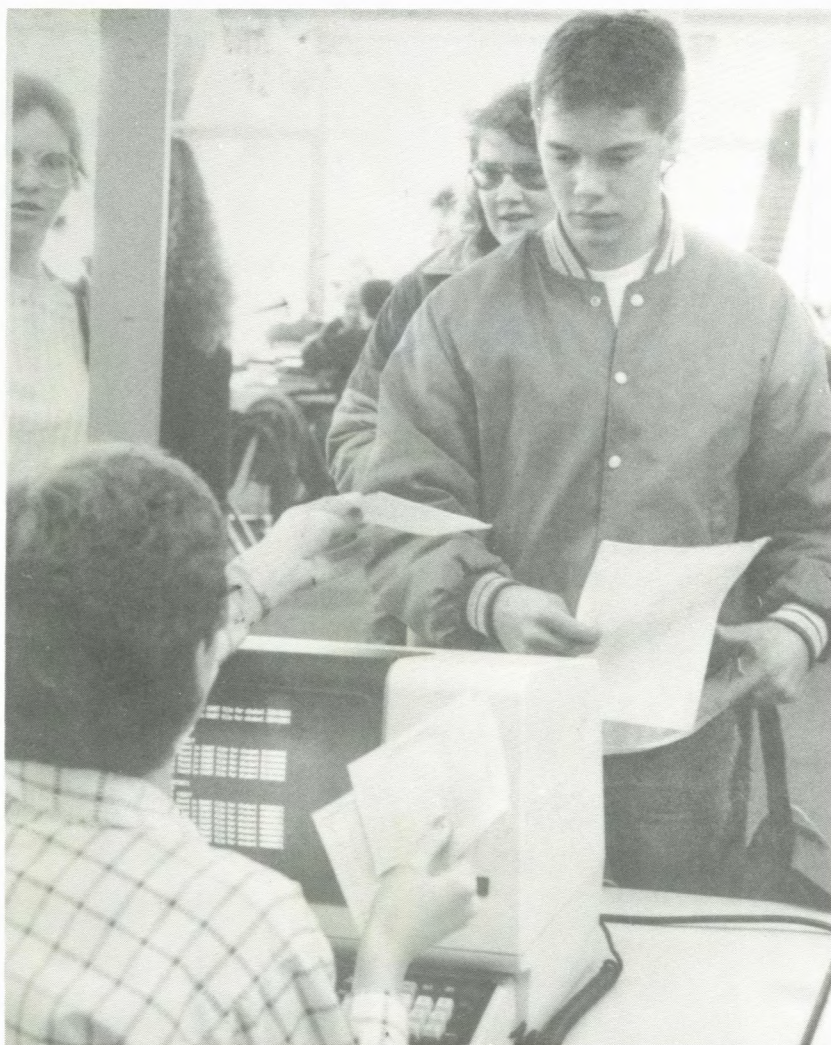
The tests help place students in classes that are best suited to their needs, and place them in classes where they should feel most comfortable.

"I like being able to structure my classes. You can basically start and end school at whatever time you want," Korey Wondra, Great Bend freshman, said.



Karla Spexarth, Anndale sophomore, prepares for her final tests during finals week in December. (Photo by Samantha Farr)

Scott Schrum, Norton freshman, and Sherry Rolo, Great Bend sophomore, stand in one of the lines at enrollment to see if any of the classes they want to take are still open.



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- Korey Wondra -



Students enrolled in honors English work on the papers assigned by English Instructor Estella Easterly.

Cosmetology student Gracie Demel of Claflin gives a manicure to her customer as part of the requirements she must fulfill in order to become a licensed cosmetologist.



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Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society at BCCC. To be accepted into Phi Theta Kappa, students must have 30 or more credit hours, maintain at least a 3.25 GPA, and have letters of recommendation from four faculty members.

If a student has less than 30 hours, a GPA of 3.5 or better and four faculty recommendations are required.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa worked to get a volunteer tutor program started as a spring project. They also sold candy bars to raise money.

This year, Phi Theta Kappa sent eight delegates to the national convention in Washington, D.C.

Charles Babb, sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, said he was pleased with the number of members in the organization. Since last year, the number of returning members has increased from one to 66.

Babb said, "When we have a meeting, I look out and think, 'This would be a great class to be teaching,' because all the members are really great students."

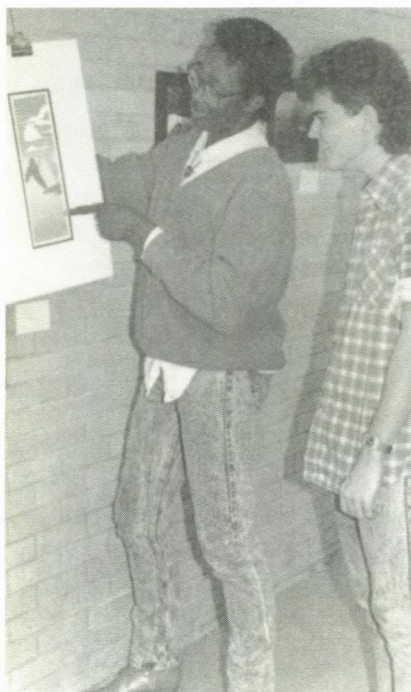


Candy Chazel, Hoisington freshman, and Edith Barton, Great Bend sophomore, study together as they prepare for a test in fundamentals of speech.
(Photo By Arlene Kennedy)

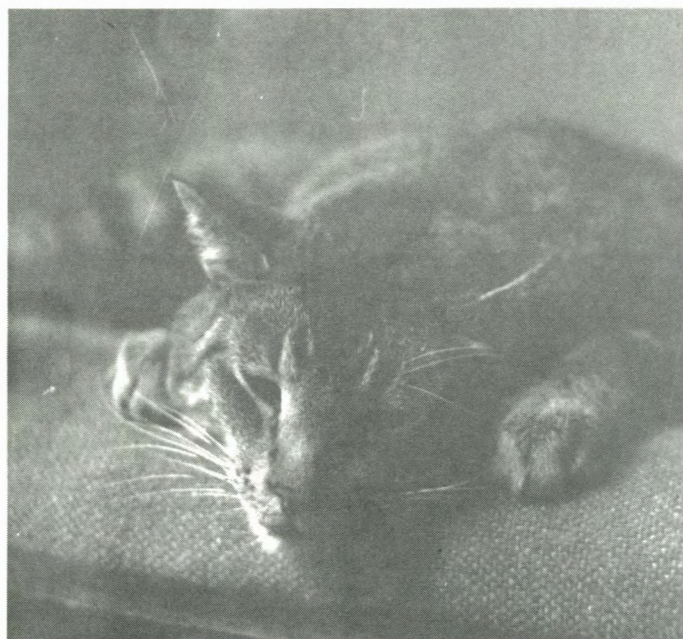
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Sheldon Mabry, Great Bend sophomore, and David Ramsey, Great Bend sophomore, discuss Mabry's contribution to the student art show in the Fine Arts Building during the first semester.



Even the local cat, who visits the library when he can sneak in, takes a break from the concentration of the semester to catch a few winks before the semester's end. (Photo by Samantha Farr)



Teaser Broadnax, Topeka freshman, Men's Head Basketball Coach Dan McGovern and David Broadfoot, Macksville sophomore, go over homework assignments in the library during the first semester.

Members of the 50s Plus class, who met at the High Rise Building produced a supplement for the INTERROBANG as a class project.

Cindy Minges, Great Bend sophomore, Tina Sawyer, Garner sophomore, Assistant Sponsor Tom Moorhous, Kip Lowe, Great Bend sophomore, Mike Harwood, Great Bend sophomore, Neil Frizzel, Great Bend sophomore, and Leigh Suppes, Great Bend freshman, members of Barton County Community College Academic Excellence Challenge Team, practice for a meet early in the fall semester.



Instructor of Medical Laboratory Technology Leonard Bunselmeyer watches as Pat Starbuck, Great Bend sophomore, makes a dilution of blood in order to perform a white blood cell count.



Barton County Community College students Shanon Heim, St. Marys freshman, and Brad Jacobs, Anthony freshman, answer questions from area elementary students after performing in an anti-drug skit at a local school.



At the beginning of the fall semester many students participated in a Playfair. Designed to introduce students and help relieve the stress of a new home, a new town, a new roommate, and a feeling of insecurity that comes with starting college, the Playfair created conversation and enthusiasm among students and gave them reason to believe - BCCC IS THE PLACE TO BE!

The year began with old friends and new. The Playfair introduced students to each other like never before. Students formed small groups, shared physical and mental exercises. Some groups arranged to meet at later dates to see how everyone was getting along.

College experiences help with intellectual and emotional growth. We begin making choices that may influence the rest of our lives. We start making these choices at enrollment in the fall.

Sometimes we are faced with difficult choices, choices we really do not want to make. Governor Haydon helped the **SPOKE** staff make some choices with his state-wide budget cuts.

As a result of the budget reduction the yearbook was reduced to a magazine format with a limited number of pages, to be printed on campus, thereby saving money.

The staff was presented with the challenge of trying to touch on highlights of the year in a smaller amount of space.

In this magazine we have tried to show what a year at Barton County Community College means.

The **SPOKE** staff changes from semester to semester. This year's staff includes: Angela Ball, Stafford freshman, Laura Collins, Great Bend freshman, Shelly Flaherty, Claflin freshman, Tammy Likes, Claflin freshman, Teresa Morris, Lyons freshman, Kevin Scott, Lima, Ohio, sophomore, and Alex Shell, Carrollton, Ga., sophomore.



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